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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Iwasaki
Serial No.: 10/074,202
For: BLADE-LIKE CONNECTING NEEDLE
Filed: February 12, 2002
Examiner: Karlsen, Ernest F.
Art Unit: 2829
Attorney Docket No.: 40010349-02
Customer No.: 27623

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Dear Sir:

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be _____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	5	Minus	20	0	x \$18.00	\$
Independent Claims	1	Minus	4	0	x \$84.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$280.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		

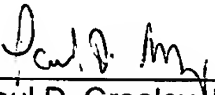
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00 .

_____ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached.

XXX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

August 8, 2003

Date

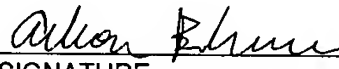


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2003, please enter and consider the amendments and remarks as follows.